D. O. No. S-42025/2/2004-CL

Dated: the 06 July, 2017

Dear Dr. Gupta,

Kindly refer to the D.O. letter of even number dated 19th August, 2016 circulating therewith a State Action Plan indicating the provisions and related actions by State Governments / UTs for enforcement of the amended Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, which came into force w.e.f 01.09.2016, to curb the menace of child labour in a more effective way and to achieve the related Sustainable Development Goal.

2. In this connection, I would like to inform you that India has recently ratified the two core Conventions of International Labour Organisation (ILO) namely the Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No.138) and Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No.182) to reaffirm its commitment for eradication of child labour in the country.

3. Consequent upon amendment in the Act, the Ministry has notified the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2017 (Central Rules) on 02.06.2017 in accordance with the provisions of the Act and copy of the same is available on website of the Ministry. Further, in order to strengthen the enforcement and monitoring mechanism for the Child Labour Act and other related aspects, the Ministry has developed an online Portal ‘PENCIL’ and is going to launch it soon.

4. In this regard, it is to mention that labour being in the concurrent list, the effective implementation and enforcement of the Child Labour Act is possible only with the cooperation and active participation of the State Governments. As per Section 17 A of the amended Act, the powers and duties for carrying out the provisions of the Act has been vested with District Magistrate and he may further specify the nodal officers for exercising such powers and to perform duties so conferred for smooth implementation of the provisions of the Act under his jurisdiction. Similarly Child and Adolescent Labour (P&R) Central Rules also provides for specific duties and responsibilities for District Nodal Officer for effective enforcement of the Act. Accordingly, the provisions / fields related to the
action by Nodal Officers have also been made in online portal PENCIL and the requisite details of district-wise Nodal Officer(s) are required to be indicated in the respective fields of the Portal.

5. In view of above, I would like to seek your intervention to facilitate nomination of Nodal Officer(s) in every district of the State/UT and to provide the details of Nodal Officer(s) including E-mail ID, Mobile number to the Ministry at the earliest as the information is vital for enforcement of the provisions of the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

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